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REGION III

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Mr. Arthur C. Miles  
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Re: Butler Mine Tunnel Site

Dear Mr. Miles:

As you know, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is overseeing a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the Butler Mine Tunnel Superfund Site in Pittston, PA. As part of the EPA-approved work plan for the RI/FS, Gannett Fleming Environmental Engineers, Inc. proposes to televise the interior of boreholes drilled along the suspected route of contaminant migration within the abandoned mine network. Specifically the boreholes to be televised are drilled in the "Stark", "Red Ash" and "Bottom Split" veins within the Butler Colliery. The purpose of the proposed borehole camera work is to visually examine the integrity of each borehole and to evaluate the existence of contamination at each borehole location.

I previously recommended that Gannett Fleming contact the Office of Surface Mining and inquire about the use of your office's camera equipment for the RI/FS due to your office's extensive experience in the anthracite basin and your expertise. EPA strongly believes that technical assistance from your office will greatly benefit the on-going remedial investigation at the Butler Mine Tunnel Superfund site. Thus, EPA requests your assistance with proposed borehole camera work at the Butler Mine Tunnel Superfund Site.

Due to the nature of the site, the possibility exists that downhole equipment may become contaminated. I will request that Gannett Fleming provide necessary decontamination equipment and that they be prepared to decontaminate downhole equipment, as necessary. The technical contact at Gannett Fleming is Mr. Joseph Saliunas. Mr. Saliunas may be reached at (717) 763-7211.

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Please contact me if you have any question concerning the Butler Tunnel Site or this request for assistance. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Remedial Project Manager

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